

Blue Ribbon Council on Climate Change

Governor's Charge:

1. Consider science, economics, and policy around climate change in a forum where we as a State – industry, environment, community – could have productive dialogue.
2. Understand and recognize what we are trying to leave for the next generation.
3. Bring back information and policy recommendations for his review and consideration

Council's (Draft) Game Plan

What Success Will Look Like:

- A results-oriented policy recommendation that removes barriers and encourages best practices, energy efficiency and conservation, gains in renewables and technology, and market-based incentives.
- Specific recommendations:
 1. are timely and concrete;
 2. are fiscally sound;
 3. include real things that industry and homeowners can do; and
 4. have long-term sustainability.
- Government leads by example and works directly with industry.
- To the extent possible, recommended approaches are market-based and voluntary.
- Recommendations include an education component.
- Coordination with neighboring states included so that reductions can be credible and legitimate.

Meeting Process

- To finalize its report by July 30, 2007 five additional meetings are envisioned:
 - December 5
 - Introduce new members
 - Focus and agree on process and principles

- Two meetings to pose questions, hear reports back on questions asked, begin to draft recommendations, and gather additional information.
- Two meetings to draft and finalize recommendations.
- Discussions will be facilitated to keep the process moving and to encourage balanced participation by Council members
- Council will identify its priorities and agree on information they'd like to have brought back in order to arrive at its recommendation. Information will be based on science and take into consideration economic dimensions, human contributions, and measured results.
 - A stakeholder work group is established under the Utah Department of Environmental Quality with management by the Division of Air Quality Director to provide technical support, information, and modeling

Commitment of Each Member

- Attend meetings, actively participate in discussion, and thoughtfully consider other opinions and points of view.
- Share information with and provide perspectives back from the groups they represent
- Consider WGA's Enlibra process in shaping recommendations made (see www.westgov.org/wga/initiatives/enlibra/default.htm)
- Work for consensus. If consensus cannot be reached on an issue, then principles for resolution developed as part of the process will be used.

Initial Areas of Interest

- Extract energy from traditional resources - including coal, natural gas and oil - and have reduced emissions and GHG
- Renewables and alternative energy options
- Energy efficiency incentives
- Alternative energy options
- GHG Inventory for Utah
- GHG Registry
- Understand new technology and ways to accelerate.
- How do we deal with impacts (vulnerabilities)?

(To be prioritized into charges for evaluation to stakeholder workgroup)